It is for the U.S. Government to examine the measures it should take to ensure fulfilment of the pledge President Musharraf has given to the United States and for implementing the U.S. goal of working with other countries to fight terrorism globally. It is Government's understanding that the United States has provided substantial economic assistance and limited military assistane in the context of Pakistan's role in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Simplification of issuance of Visas

234. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether under a fresh arrangement between India and the U.S.A., the U.S. has simplified the process of issue of Visas to Indians; and

(b) if so, what are the new Visa-regulations and how far the issue of Visas has been made easier and simpler ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The questions does not arise.

Reports of Annual Strategic Survey conducted by London based Institute

235. DR. KARAN SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the Annual Strategic Survey conducted by the London based International Institute for Strategic Studies underlining the 'Promise and Peril' faced by India, Pakistan and the United States as they try to unravel the diplomatic tangle wrought in South Asia aftermath of September 11, 2001 in the context of U.S. led war on terrorism; and

(b) if so, how far Government agree that this would result in a deadlock in Indo-Pak relations through 2003 and hamper India's political and military relationship with the U.S. ?

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